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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 10996.0230-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:)
Koichiro UENO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2822
Application No.: 10/571,287) Examiner: Green, Telly D.
Filed: March 30, 2009) Confirmation No.: 8132
For: INFRARED SENSOR IC, AND INFRARED SENSOR AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF)))
Commissioner for Patents	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated March 30, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

Group I: Clair

Claims 1-22, which the Examiner characterized as being

drawn to an infrared sensor IC, classified in class 257, subclass

723; and

Group II:

Claim 23-28, which the Examiner characterized as being drawn to

an infrared sensor manufacturing method, classified in class 438,

subclass 45.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-22, which the Examiner characterized as being drawn to an infrared sensor IC.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner also required an election between the following species:

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Species I-15 corresponding to Embodiments I-XV.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species 13 that corresponds to at least Figure 21. Claims 13-18 from elected Group I read on Species 13.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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